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Dear Sir:

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please substitute the attached specification entitled "Final version of PCT/EP98/08475 for the prosecution at the USPTO to be filed as first preliminary amendment" for the original PCT specification.

In the Claims:

Please substitute the enclosed claims 1 - 26, on pages 31 - 41, inclusive, attached to the substitute specification, for original claims 1 - 26.

In the Abstract:

Please substitute the enclosed abstract, attached to the substitute specification on page 42, for the original abstract.

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner base the examination upon the attached substitute specification, claims, and abstract. An Annotated Copy Of Final Version Of PCT/EP98/08475 is enclosed showing the revisions made in the substitute specification, claims, and abstract.

The PCT specification, claims, and abstract have been revised to conform to U.S. requirements. It is believed that no new matter was introduced in revising the specification, claims, and abstract.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the application, including claims 1 - 26, is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by collect telephone call to advance the prosecution in any respect.

No additional fee for this Preliminary Amendment is seen to be required. If any additional fee is required, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 50-1848.

Respectfully submitted,
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